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disenfranchise ex-felons as we do here in Nebraska. There are seven...or eight more states, I should say, that do a partial, depending on a time limitation or the kind of felonies committed. But look at the number of states that disenfranchise in prison--all of them except two. There are actually two states that allow felons to vote while they're in prison. There are a number of states that allow felons to vote while they're on probation. And there are a number of states that allow them to vote while they're on parole. We have the most restrictive law of any of the states. And it's very, very problematic, because I don't think a lot of people ever go back and get their voting rights restored, because you have to go through the pardons process, which is very difficult. And later, if we have time, I'd like to share some of the thoughts of those people...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...who do not want to go back through that felons process, because it brings up their past again, and they're moving on with their lives, and they don't want that kind of publicity. So with that, Mr. President, I would ask that we have a good discussion on this, and that we move the bill to Select File. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. We will now open on the committee amendment. Chairperson Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. One of the discussions that we had in committee after we heard the bill...and I have to tell you, there were some people on the committee that I think came into the committee hearing thinking they weren't going to support the bill, but after hearing the testimony, really did have, perhaps, a change of heart. At least, they wanted to consider the policy, but they also wanted to consider maybe putting a time limitation on the bill. And so we discussed that. It was suggested that maybe we go with a three-year limitation. And at some point, I said, how about a two-year limitation? Because if you put a three-year limitation on, you restrict some ex-felons from two elections, depending on when they get out, and others from only one. If you make it an even number, everybody gets treated the same way. So the